

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

10. (Original) A method of fixing a planographic printing plate precursor on a plate cylinder of a printing press capable of forming an image on the plate cylinder, the surface of the plate cylinder having orifices or grooves to obtain reduced pressure by suction, existing only at a portion corresponding to the peripheral portion of an image formation region in the planographic printing plate precursor, the method comprising the steps of:

mounting the planographic printing plate precursor on the plate cylinder; and

applying suction to the planographic printing plate precursor through the orifices or grooves to fix the planographic printing plate precursor on the surface of the plate cylinder.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the peripheral portion is outside register marks.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ ~~The method of item 10 above,~~  
fixing a planographic printing plate precursor on a plate  
cylinder of a printing press capable of forming an image on the  
plate cylinder, the surface of the plate cylinder having orifices  
or grooves to obtain reduced pressure by suction, existing only  
at a portion corresponding to the peripheral portion of an image  
formation region in the planographic printing plate precursor,  
the method comprising the steps of:

mounting the planographic printing plate precursor on the  
plate cylinder; and

applying suction to the planographic printing plate  
precursor through the orifices or grooves to fix the planographic  
printing plate precursor on the surface of the plate cylinder;  
and

wherein the planographic printing plate precursor is [[the]]  
a planographic printing plate precursor [[of claim 8]] comprising  
a flexible substrate and provided thereon, an ink repellent layer  
or the hydrophilic layer containing a light heat conversion  
material, wherein a back coat layer containing a light heat  
conversion material is provided on the surface of the flexible  
substrate opposite the ink repellent layer or the hydrophilic  
layer, and is an outermost layer and wherein the planographic  
printing plate precursor has an 830 nm light transmittance of not  
less than 10%.

Claims 13-19 (Canceled).

20. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the plate cylinder surface is comprised of a detachable material.